Harold —
Here is my letter to Roffman. I'll write to you in a few days.
Dick

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Howard Roffman
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Dear Howard:

I am sending this xx separate from correspondence on other matters because I want to send a copy to Weisberg.

Weisberg is filing suit against the government for disclosure of the results of Frazier's spectrographic analysis of bullet fragments and he needs that help to win give him. All evidence relating to CE 399 weight and loss of substance will be important, and he wants to use the information you got concerning the loss of a fragment during the photographing of the bullet for Josiah Thomson. Weisberg wishes, however, to have your explicit permission to use your information even though he may not be able to attribute it to you during the trial. He will give you full credit if he publishes on the matter, but it may not be possible to do so during the trial.

If you are unwilling to let him use the material, or unwilling to have him associate your name with the material, then please write to him and say so; he is now making plans for the suit and needs to know what he can include.

If you are willing, then write and let him know that it's O.K. I suggest that you give him carte blanche to use the information in any way he deems reasonable, but if you want to impose limitations, state them. Also send him copies or (better) the originals of any documents that you have which pertains to the fragment that dropped off. Concerning your picture of the base of 399, I presume that that is Archives property, so you have no control over how it is used, but if it gets into print you will get credit for having had the Archives take it. Weisberg has his own photo of the base, and I suppose that in any case he will use that, since he has direct knowledge of the circumstances under which it was taken. Also indicate, if possible, the date on which your picture was taken.

Send me a copy of the letter that you send him, or at least a resume, for I would like to know how far you are going to go.

Bud Lansterwald is taking the case. I look forward to much fast action. Weisberg's case is important not only because it involves this clincher about 399 not losing any fragments before it came into Frazier's hands, but also because it is in Washington, where it is bound to get press attention. Nichols has clinchers of his own and needs no more to get what he wants from a fair court, but I doubt whether it will get much notice except in the midwest.

This is the best possible way (in court) to present the new info about 399, and I am growing hot and more excited about it. I'll write again in a day or two.

Shalom,
Dick
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